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SUBJECT: ITU: CALL BY RFE/RL OFFICIAL ON DEPUTY SYG BUTLER

1. PAO WAS INFORMED BY RFE/RL MUNICH THAT MESSRS. REDDLICH, PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER, AND CAMPBELL, CHIEF ENGINEER, RFE/RL, WOULD CALL ON PAO AND TELATT MORNING AUGUST 20 EN ROUTE TO LUNCHEON PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED WITH ITU DEPUTY SYG BUTLER.
2. SUBSEQUENT TELECON BETWEEN TELATT AND REDDLICH INDICATED THAT VISIT WITH BUTLER WAS RESULT OF MEETING SEVERAL MONTHS AGO WHICH RFE VICE PRESIDENT JOHN SCOTT HAD WITH BUTLER IN GENEVA (WE DO NOT RECALL SCOTT HAVING CALLED AT MISSION). AS RESULT OF MEETING, SCOTT INFORMED RFE/RL MUNICH IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO GIVE FULLER BRIEFING ON ORGANIZATION'S ACTIVITIES AND SUGGESTED PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER ARRANGE LUNCH WITH BUTLER TO DO SO. REDDLICH ARRANGED LUNCHEON DIRECTLY WITH BUTLER'S OFFICE SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. EVIDENTLY DEPT HAS NOT BEEN ADVISED OF THESE CONTACTS.
3. REDDLICH ASSURED TELATT THAT HE AND CAMPBELL WERE OLD PROS, WERE AWARE OF POSSIBLE POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES INVOLVED AND WOULD AVOID GETTING INTO QUESTIONS WHERE POLITICAL OR

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TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES COULD ARISE. HOWEVER, KNOWING BUTLER,

WE BELIEVE THIS WILL BE VERY TALL ORDER INDEED.

4. MISSION BELIEVES IT WOULD BE INADVISABLE TO HAVE
REDDLICH AND CAMPBELL CANCEL LUNCHEON AT THIS LATE DATE.
HOWEVER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE SOME GUIDANCE FOR OUR MEETING WITH
THEM PRIOR TO THEIR LUNCH WITH BUTLER.

5. WE SUGGEST THAT DEPT ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH SOME ARRANGEMENT
WITH BIB TO PREVENT REPETITION OF SIMILAR LAST-MINUTE
SURPRISES IN FUTURE. CATTO

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